

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 671

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the Bartlett High School Panthers on winning the 2007 TSSAA Class AAA State Baseball Championship.

WHEREAS, the General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Bartlett High School Panthers achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2007 season, winning the TSSAA Class AAA State Baseball Championship, the State's highest level of high school baseball competition; and

WHEREAS, continuing a tradition of excellence, the Panthers of Bartlett High School compiled a phenomenal season record of 40-5, finishing their season on a ten-game winning streak; and

WHEREAS, after being shut out in last year's championship game, the Panthers made a commitment to improving their hitting this season; their efforts paid off handsomely, as this year's championship game saw the Bartlett High School team win over South Doyle by a score of 18-7; and

WHEREAS, state championships are achieved only through hard work, dedication, and the ability to work together as a team and excel together with a cooperative spirit; the Bartlett Panthers exhibited each of these rare qualities during their 2007 championship season; and

WHEREAS, cultivating the talent of each of his players, Head Coach Phil Clark enjoyed the help of Assistant Coaches Josh Stewart, Dave Locke, Deryl Gore, and Jason Taylor in guiding this exemplary team as they matured into state champions; and

WHEREAS, in coaching the Panthers to their first state baseball championship, Coach Clark has increased his total number of state championships as a head coach to five, having previously won two each at Germantown and Sky-View; and

WHEREAS, the baseball players of Bartlett High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the diamond while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired the school's student body and united the entire community during their triumphal run through the 2007 season; and

WHEREAS, the Bartlett High School Panthers are seniors, Bryan Joyner, Matt Dangar, Blaine Carnett, Justin Wright, Caleb Burrow, Kirby Grisham, and Kyle Atkinson; juniors, Nick Elliott, Dustin Rovey, Jacob Wilson, Dylon Murk, Drew Feathers, Trey Turner, Heith Hatfield, Colton Wood, and Jon-Michael Davis; sophomores, Kyle Overby, Sean Mellinger, Marcus Burk, and Daniel Wright; and freshman, Taylor Morton; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible a championship baseball season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Bartlett High School Panthers upon winning the 2007 TSSAA Class AAA State Baseball Championship and for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach Phil Clark and the Bartlett High School Panthers on their remarkable 2007 season and State Championship Tournament victory. These outstanding young men are worthy ambassadors of the Volunteer State, and we wish them and their coaches much continued success in their future endeavors, both on and off the baseball diamond.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.